



Machado appointed executive director of Delta Protection panel

The Delta Protection Commission last week appointed former state legislator Michael Machado as its executive director. He will replace Linda Fiack, who is retiring. Machado is a life long farmer and resident of San Joaquin County. When serving as a assemblyman and then senator he represented four of the five Delta counties. Machado graduated from Stanford and holds a master's degree in agricultural economics from UC Davis. He will assume duties on Sept. 20. [Read the press release.](#)



Protection panel sets public meetings on sustaining Delta economy

The Delta Protection Commission is planning five separate community forum meetings this month to gather public input on the creation of an Economic Sustainability Plan "framework" for the Delta. The meetings will be held in Courtland on Sept. 13; Discovery Bay on Sept. 17; Rio Vista on Sept. 18; Lodi on Sept. 20; and Antioch on Sept. 21. [More information can be found here.](#)

Stewardship Council's 'early action' panel to meet next week

The Delta Stewardship Council's Early Actions Review Committee, a panel that will review proposed early actions for possible inclusion in the Interim Plan, will meet next Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 14 and 15 in Sacramento. [You can find details here.](#)

Discover the Delta Foundation to open farmers market on Oct. 1

The grand opening of the Delta Farmers Market in Rio Vista will be on Friday, Oct. 1. A ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. California Secretary of Agriculture AG Kawamura, the Discover the Delta Foundation Board of Directors, and Foundation President Ken Scheidegger and county Supervisor Don Nottoli will attend. [Read more.](#)



DWR's flood unit plans preseason coordination meetings

DWR's Flood Operations Branch will host Preseason Flood Coordination Meetings throughout the state this fall, including two meetings near the Delta — one in Sacramento and the other in Stockton. The Sacramento meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 27, and in Stockton on Monday, Sept. 20. [You can find details here.](#)

USBR awards \$500,000 for water conservation grants

The Bureau of Reclamation has awarded \$500,000 in the CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grant Program in Fiscal Year 2010. More than \$15 million in water management improvement projects will be implemented in the next 24 months. It is estimated that more than 40,000 acre-feet of water will be better managed or conserved per year as a result of the awarded projects. [Go here for more information.](#)

Foundation plans San Joaquin River restoration tour

The Water Education Foundation will present a San Joaquin River Restoration tour Oct. 13 and 14. It will explore challenges associated with restoring flows and a Chinook salmon fishery to the San Joaquin River from below Friant Dam to the confluence with the Merced River. [Read more.](#)



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